DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION Management and Operation of the Pantex Plant Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 89233222RNA000004

RFP Questions & Answers

Answers to initial questions received in response to NNSA's RFP are included below. Please note NNSA will provide a subsequent RFP Q&A document following the solicitation questions due date. Finally, please note the answers are provided for the convenience of Offerors, and the final RFP and amendments take precedence over the answers provided herein.

Section L – Instructions, Conditions, and Notices to Offeror

1. Section L-8(b) Solicitation Questions/ Reading Room Information, Section L, page 6: Are there any restrictions regarding reading room access other than the number of access provided?

Answer: Potential Offerors must submit an intent to bid in accordance with RFP Section L-28 to be granted access to the reading room. An excerpt of RFP Section L-28 is included below:

L-28 OFFEROR INTENTION TO SUBMIT AN OFFER

In order to facilitate the efficiency of the Government's solicitation and award process through advance information on the anticipated number of Offerors, the Government requests that potential Offerors submit the name, address, and telephone number of its firm or organization to SEB9@nnsa.doe.gov no later than ten (10) business days prior to the proposal due date. If the proposal is to be submitted by a teaming arrangement, the Offeror is requested to submit the above information for all members of the proposing team. Please note, only potential Offerors that have submitted an intent to submit an offer in accordance with this section will be granted access to the reading room information referenced above under L-8(b), as determined by the Contracting Officer.

2. Section L-8(b) Solicitation Questions/ Reading Room Information: The letter of intent is to be submitted no later than ten (10) business days prior to the proposal due date, which is months away. If information on the reading room will help with making a determination to submitting a bid would it be a benefit to the government to be a little more liberal in this information access area and ensure that there is a robust competition?

Answer: NNSA's intent is to control access to the reading room, and as stated in RFP Section L-28, potential Offerors must submit an intent to submit an offer in accordance with RFP Section L-28 to be granted access. NNSA understands information available in the reading room may impact a potential Offeror's ultimate decision to submit a proposal and furthermore understands that a potential Offeror's intentions may change based on the contents of the reading room.